



## **Certified Counselors & Hypnotherapist Advisory Committee Minutes** **January 13, 2023**

Via Microsoft Teams

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**Committee members present:** Drue Larson, Certified Counselor, Chair  
Betty Jensen, Certified Counselor  
Sarah Prince, Public Member  
Russell Alfaro, Hypnotherapist

**Committee members absent:** None

**Assistant Attorney General:** Luke Eaton, Assistant Attorney General

**Staff members present:** Ted Dale, Program Manager  
Trina Crawford, Executive Director  
Patience Roquemore, Program Support  
Melody Casiano, Policy Analyst

**Guest presenters:** None

On January 13, 2023, the Washington State Certified Counselors and Hypnotherapist Advisory Committee met online via Microsoft Teams. In accordance with the Open Public Meetings Act, notice of the meeting was published on the Certified Adviser, Certified Counselor, and Hypnotherapist professions' websites and was sent out via the GovDelivery listserv for each profession.

## 1. Call to Order – Drue Larson, Chair

- 1.1. The meeting was called to order at 9:18 a.m. and those in attendance introduced themselves
- 1.2. January 13, 2023 agenda – *Motion to approve, seconded, vote 4-0.*
- 1.3. Previous meeting minutes – The committee voted to approve October 14, 2022 meeting minutes. *Motion to approve meeting minutes, seconded, vote 4-0.*

## 2. Department Reports – Ted Dale, Program Manager

### 2.1. Program Update – Ted Dale, Program Manager

Mr. Dale briefly discussed the proposed fee increase for certified counselors and advisers that will go into effect June 1, 2023. The increase is proposed to be the following:

Fee Type	Current Fee	Fee as of June 1, 2023
<b>Certified Counselors</b>		
Application and License	\$345	\$680
Certification Renewal	\$305	\$800
Late Renewal Penalty	\$155	\$300
<b>Certified Advisers</b>		
Application and License	\$285	\$620
Certification Renewal	\$250	\$745
Late Renewal Penalty	\$125	\$300

### 2.2. Credentialing Report – Ted Dale, Program Manager

Mr. Dale presented the latest licensure statistics for the certified counselors/advisers and hypnotherapists.

Program	Active	Pending
Certified Counselors	369	103
Certified Advisers	1	3
Hypnotherapists	713	12

### 2.3. Program Budget - Ted Dale, Program Manager

Mr. Dale presented the program budgets for certified counselors/advisers and hypnotherapists as of March 2022.

Program	Current Fund Balance
Certified Counselors/Advisers	-\$ 1,503,691
Hypnotherapists	\$ 85,785

**3. AAG Update – Luke Eaton, Assistant Attorney General**

3.1. Mr. Eaton had no updates for the committee.

**4. Committee Member Selection Update – Ted Dale, Program Manager**

4.1. Mr. Dale provided an update regarding three vacancies (two public members and a hypnotherapist) on the committee. DOH has received two applications for the hypnotherapist position and none for the public member positions. After interviews are conducted, DOH will submit a recommendation to the secretary’s office for appointment.

**5. 2023 Legislative Session – Ted Dale, Program Manager**

5.1. Mr. Dale briefed the committee on [SB5189 \(Behavioral Health Support Specialist\)](#), which will introduce a new behavioral health profession for those with only a bachelors-level degree.

**6. Public Comment – Drue Larson, Chair**

6.1. Tim Livingston, president of the Washington Professional Counselors Association (WAPROCA) provided an update to the committee regarding association activities and upcoming online training.

**7. Future Business – Drue Larson, Chair**

- Legislative updates for 2023 session
- Recruitment and appointment update
- Rules review

**8. Meeting Adjourned – Drue Larson, Chair**

8.1. The meeting adjourned at 11:08 A.M..

**Submitted by:**

Ted Dale, Program Manager  
Certified Counselors & Hypnotherapists  
Advisory Committee

**Approved by:**

Drue Larson, Chair  
Certified Counselors & Hypnotherapists  
Advisory Committee

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